



**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting  
Community Development Committee of the Board**

**January 22, 2015**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Barker at 4:00 pm.** This is the first meeting of the Community Development Committee. Building & Zoning Committee and Code Enforcement Committee have been combined.
- 2. Roll Call**
  - Bruce Barker, Chairman - present
  - Ron Gunter, Mayor -
  - Susan Senicka, Trustee - present
  - Jim Addington, Trustee - absent
  - Bob Scott, Trustee - absent
  - Steve Nero, Trustee - absent
  - Harold Barry, Trustee - present
  - Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk - present
  - Thomas Mulhearn, Police Chief - present
  - Dave Weiss, Fire Chief - present
  - Larry Kaufman, Director of Fire Prevention Bureau - present
  - Steve May, Village Manager - present
  - Jill Ziegler, Acting Community Development Director - present
  - Larry Forssberg, Chamber Executive Director - present
  - Joe Hennerfeind, Code Enforcement - present
  - Angela Whitehead, Code Enforcement - present
  - Jill Peterson, Code Enforcement - present
  - Larry McIntyre - present
  - Spencer Parker, Finance Director - present
  - Jim Gunther, Deputy Chief - present
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2014 Building and Zoning Committee were reviewed**  
**Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2014 Code Enforcement Committee were reviewed**

## **5. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Review Monthly report**

The year end report and subsequently the monthly report was gone over in detail. For the month of December, 52 violations were given, two (2) citations were issued. At the beginning of the month twelve (12) cases were open, 65 cases have now been closed. Comparison of violations from 2013 & 2014 were gone over. The largest increase was brush in the parkway. It was suggested that information is given out to homeowners on how to properly bundle brush.

#### **Priority properties were discussed.**

**14 E. 55th St.** - This property is in foreclosure. Property has been cleaned up.

**505 N. Grant** - Property has been vacated and secured, there is a large tree in the back yard that is still a violation. The Village anticipates the house up for sale soon.

#### **Court/Trial properties were discussed.**

**124 N. Lincoln** - this is a new case. A brief history of the property was given. Owner has a history of performing work without a permit. Court is scheduled for February 4, 2015.

**224 Willard Place** - A brief history of this property was given. Update on property - the owner has not complied with the plea agreement conditions. The owner was not in court on January 7, 2015, but was represented by his attorney. A petition to revoke (PTR) was issued due to failure to comply with the plea agreement made at the November 19, 2014 court date. The attorney accepted the PTR and it will be heard in court on February 4, 2015.

**315 W. Quincy St.** - The owner was served citations regarding incomplete work on a building permit, and mulch in the right-of-way. This case was continued on January 7, 2015, and will go to trial on February 4, 2015.

### **B. Alley Clean-up program update**

Westmont First distributed brochure materials. Courtesy assessments will be done in March and April according to the prescribed timeline. It is possible that a modified door hanger informing resident of a courtesy alley assessment will be delivered.

### **C. Weekend Code Enforcement update**

A update was given of items that have been accomplished with the addition of weekend Code Enforcement. Several issues were addressed, a few of which were:

Off-site signage and signs in the parkway.

Overflowing dumpsters at many multi-family properties.

Christmas tree pick-up overlooked by Waste management.

Jim Gunther gave an overview of the P.O.P. unit. Which was started back in 2000 as community policing and evolved overtime to the creation of an investigative P.O.P. unit. The P.O.P. officer worked closely with Vicki in Code Enforcement. It was discovered that multi-family rentals, as well as rental houses are directly correlated with crime. A meeting with Jim, Jill Ziegler & Joe Hennerfeind was held this morning. Discussion of the new Building Commissioner, Angela coming on, and a new P.O.P. officer.

**D. Beekeeping & Chicken Coops - update from Planning & Zoning Commission**

Beekeeping to go in front of the board on February 5th. A representative from the Hilton Hotel was present and discussed an interest in beekeeping for the hotel.

Chicken Coops - standards to be worked on. Continued until next Planning & Zoning meeting.

**5. New Business**

**A. Code Enforcement Staffing**

Discussion on Vicki leaving for a new position, and Joe taking on the responsibility of all permit feeing, and permit reviews. This is not allowing much time to get in the field. Awaiting the arrival of the new Building Commissioner. Brief discussion on a replacement for Vicki once a new Building Commissioner is appointed.

**B. Noise complaint & sound research**

Discussion of past complaints on the noise level at the Oak Brook Hills hotel regarding outside entertainment and residents in the homes on Willow Crest Drive. The complaints received were when it was under Marriott management. There was mild success, more resistance in cooperation with noise level. Meetings with new management, Hilton, have been more successful. A sound meter at the hotel has been discussed. Research on sound levels, and how it is measured is on going.

**C. Electronic Sign text amendment**

Joe is currently researching other communities to propose a text amendment to our current ordinance on electronic signs. Current code has been found to be more restrictive than comparable communities. In many cases, issues arise when a sign company sells a sign to a local business with features and options not permitted by Village code.

**Other information: Update from Larry Forssberg:**

A. Residential Real estate forum on the benefits of Westmont. Positive feedback. It was discussed having tours of the schools, having an open session starting at the Hilton.

**B. 2014 Accomplishments**

Plain & Posh opened - ribbon cutting to be in a couple weeks.

Wendy's remodel completed and open

Focus Fitness is now open

Ribbon cutting for Dollar Town to be in March

A expansion for the BMW dealership is possible in the next couple of years, as BMW is expanding the number of models they currently have.

Talks on a parking deck for Mercedes & Toyota are being looked into.

Hardees - water main is on tonight's agenda. Hoping to open soon.

C. Miscellaneous items -

Chief Weiss discussed Codes and other items in the fire department. Businesses were aggressively made aware of the change in the Village ordinances with wireless. Working with Norcomm to get this accomplished. Received the first plan review of the year under the new Building Codes for a new home at 217 60th St. The quote for sprinkling a home of this size, 5,105 square feet is \$8,183 which is \$1.60 square feet. Businesses at Quail Ridge are working on getting buildings sprinkled.

The next meeting will be March 19 , 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm